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For: Buffer Bypass Circuit for Reducing
Latency in Information Transfers to a Bus

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Examiner's Action mailed on March 15, 2006, the above-identified patent application is amended a second time as follows. Applicants have elected to present the amendment using the revised amendment format set forth in the waiver of 37 CFR 1.121.

<u>AMENDMENT AF</u> (37 C.F.R. § 1.111)

Amendments to the claims begin of page 2 of this paper.

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